

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification on page 4, lines 15-24, as follows:

As shown in Figure 1, the physical memory 108 of one or more nodes 102 includes an operating system 112 (illustrated as O.S. 112). In one embodiment, the operating system 112 is software used for performing operations according to embodiments of the invention. Software is machine-readable media for performing operations according to embodiments of the invention. Machine-readable media includes any mechanism that ~~provides (i.e., stores and/or transmits)~~ information in a form readable by a machine (e.g., a computer). For example, a machine-readable medium includes read only memory (ROM), random access memory (RAM), magnetic disk storage media, optical storage media, and flash memory devices, ~~electrical, optical, and acoustical or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.).~~